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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [redacted] Intelligence Research Training Program

1. The DD/TR(G) discussed the attached program with Professor [redacted] office on 19 March 1953. The purpose of Prof. [redacted] visit to CIA was to acquaint representatives of this Agency with his program and to invite Agency personnel to participate. He also indicated he would welcome any letters offering criticisms or suggestions from representatives of the Agency. Prof. [redacted] explained that he wanted to develop a two-year course of study that would meet the most exacting requirements of this Agency and others engaged in intelligence research and production.

2. The attached prospectus presents what appears to be a sound academic program of from one to two years in length, designed to offer courses and seminars which may lead to either a Masters Degree or PhD Degree. If the program were to be given at a place closer to Washington, D. C. than [redacted], parts of it might be utilized by Agency personnel. The professors responsible for instructing the various seminars and courses are well known authorities. That is particularly true of Prof. [redacted] who is one of the leading Far Eastern scholars in the United States.

3. The Language Program as outlined in the attached announcement is not adequate according to OTR standards. Because of this insufficiency, the program would seem to lack a proper balance between sound language training and area research.

4. The research techniques to be utilized in the preparation of reports and papers are sound but do not differ appreciably from those to be found in any first class graduate school.

5. In view of the above, I recommend that this program be included in a study now being prepared by the Chief of the Programs Division on projected Area and Language Programs given in institutions in the United States. The lack of any distinguishing features to the [redacted] program and the distance from Washington plus the fact that programs of similar value and worth closer to the area would militate against sending students to the [redacted]

Attachment

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